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March 31, 1997

VIA HAND DELIVERY

David Waddell
Executive Secretary
Tennessee Regulatory Authority
460 James Robertson Parkway
Nashville, TN 37243-5015

Re: BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.'s entry into long distance (interLATA)
service in Tennessee pursuant to Section 271 of the Telecommunications Act of
1996; Docket No. ~~97-00390~~

Dear Mr. Waddell:

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Enclosed for filing are the original and ten (10) copies of LCI International Telecom Corp.'s petition to intervene in the above-referenced matter as well as an initial order granting such intervention (hard copy and on computer disk). Also enclosed is my check in the amount of \$25.00 in payment of the filing fee.

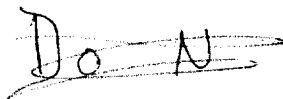
Please call if there are any questions.

Sincerely,



H. LaDon Baltimore
LDB:dgc
Enclosures

cc: Parties of record



BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

IN RE: BELLSOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.'S ENTRY INTO LONG-DISTANCE (INTERLATA) SERVICE IN TENNESSEE PURSUANT TO SECTION 271 OF THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT OF 1996

DOCKET NO. 97-00390 309

PETITION OF LCI INTERNATIONAL TELECOM CORP.
FOR LEAVE TO INTERVENE

LCI International Telecom Corp. ("LCI"), pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. §4-5-301 and pursuant to the Order of the Tennessee Regulatory Authority ("Authority") of March 21, 1997, petitions the Authority to grant it leave to intervene in the above-captioned matter and participate as its interests may appear, and for grounds states that:

1. The Authority, by Order of March 21, 1997, instituted a formal inquiry for the purpose of determining the compliance by BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. with the criteria and procedures set forth in Section 271 of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 for entry into the long distance (interLATA) markets in Tennessee. The Authority directed that any person having an interest and desiring to become a party and who had not previously filed comments in response to the informal investigation conducted by the staff and the Consumer Advocate, shall file a petition for leave to become a party within ten (10) days of March 21.

2. LCI is a corporation duly qualified to do business in Tennessee, LCI is the holder of a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity as a Competing Telecommunications Service Provider.

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3. LCI's legal interests may be determined by the outcome of this proceeding. Granting this petition will not impair the orderly and prompt conduct of these proceedings.

4. LCI seeks to intervene and participate in this proceeding as its interests may appear.

WHEREFORE, LCI prays that:

1. An order be entered allowing LCI to intervene and participate in this proceeding as its interests may appear and to receive copies of all notices, orders or other documents filed herein; and

2. That it have such other, further, and general relief as to the justice of this cause may entitle it to receive.

Respectfully submitted,



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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that on this the 31st day of March, 1997, a true and correct copy of the foregoing petition has been delivered via U. S. Mail first class postage prepaid, to:

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